(c) and (d) A Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (RT and H) has been constituted on 21.1.09 to look into all the issues relating to National Permit system and rationalization of taxes on motor vehicles including the views/comments of the States/UTs in the matter.

World Bank assistance for roads

515. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has proposed to give Rs. 1,070 crores to Orissa State for various road projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* indicating the road projects that would be funded out of this amount; and

(c) whether Government is aware that on account of callous attitude of the Centre a number of road stretches of National Highways are moving at a snail's space and these have become death-traps for the commuters in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes sir. State Government of Orissa has entered into an agreement with World Bank for a loan amount of US $ 250 million (approximate Rs.1070 crore) for improvement of 461 km of state Roads. The details of the roads are given below:-

Sl.No.	Road Stretch	Length (in km)
1.	Bhawanipatana-Khariar	68
2.	Chandbali-Bhadrak-Anandpur	95
3.	Berhampur-Taptapani	41
4.	Taptapani-Raipanka	68
5.	Raipanka-Bangi Jn-JK Pur	83
6.	Jagatpur-Chandbali	106
7.	Bansadhara Bridge at Gumuda	

(c) Four-laning in some stretches of National Highway-5 could not be completed because of termination of Contract due to poor performance of the Contractors. Out of the three contracts, two contracts have already been re-awarded and one contract is yet to be re-awarded owing to termination of the earlier Contract being sub-judice. However, the existing road is being maintained in traffic worthy condition.